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Joint Meeting
Select Board, School Committee and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00pm
Held Remotely

Present:

Select Board:

Armand Diarbekirian

David Gavin, Chair

Jeffrey Swanberg

Chris DiSilva

Justine St. John

School Committee:

Lydia Clancy

Natasha Rivera

Mary Brannelly

Elizabeth Albota

Hilary Griffiths, Chair

Finance Committee:

Alannah Gustavson, Chair

Peter Campbell

Jillian Prendergast

Katie Moore

Ken Estabrook

Staff:

Gregory Johnson, Town Administrator

Megan Zammuto, Assistant Town Administrator

Brian Haas, Superintendent of Schools

1. Meeting Opening

Mr. Gavin, Ms. Griffiths and Ms. Gustavson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comments: No comments were made.

Introductions of attendees were made.

2. Comparative Analysis of Municipalities

Jeff Swanberg presented an analysis of the state's Department of Revenue (DOR) data to highlight similar municipalities to Maynard according his selected criteria and weighted factors. The attendees

review the presentation and posed questions. Reportedly highly similar municipalities included: Hudson; Millis; Ashland; Holbrook; Barre; Pepperell; Warren; and, Hopedale. Mr. Swanberg also presented how similar, or rather dissimilar, the abutter municipalities are to Maynard, including Acton, Stow, Sudbury and Concord. It was noted that “relative income” was a compared factor, as it may contribute to regional recruitment competition. Other highlights included department spending, density, revenue categories, property tax sources, etc. It was considered whether to have some data and reporting shown through the Town Report or Town Meeting Warrant. One final question was asked whether Maynard was unique and how so.

3. Strategic Visioning

A number of topics were presented, including: the importance of long, mid and short term planning; the examination of commercial growth; the consideration of infrastructure demands; the study of the Powder Mill Corridor; the use of the town’s Master Plan; the importance budgeting for maintenance of town assets; the occupancy rate of Mill & Main; the re-occupancy of vacant store fronts downtown.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 22, 2021.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Swanberg and seconded by Mr. DiSilva to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Voted: By Roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____ pm

Date: Dec. 7, 2021



Jeffrey Swanberg, Clerk

Initials: GJ